Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 28 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 29 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 27 Jan 2023 at 13:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for quick moving weather systems, lowering for the detail therein.

Headline for Saturday 28 Jan 2023: Mainly dry with best of brightness early. Southwest winds bringing severe chill effect at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 28 Jan 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	10%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Saturday 28 Jan 2023

Weather: Some light rain and summit snow during the early hours towards the Trossachs, otherwise a mainly dry day with only a few light isolated showers appearing, these largely focused across western ranges with snow level 600-700m. Best of the brighter spells expected through the morning with cloud tending to thicken and lower later in the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Initially 60% in west, 80% in east, becoming late afternoon 30% in west, 60% in east.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming briefly moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers, also within cloud with bases increasingly down to 600m later in the day, particularly in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	22/26 W	19/22 NW	18/21 W	16/20 SW	17/23 SW	19/25 SW	21/28 SW	26/35 SW	27/37 SW
900	12/16 W	11/16 NW	11/16 W	9/14 W	12/17 SW	15/20 SW	17/24 SW	21/31 SW	21/32 SW
600	10/14 SW	11/14 SW	11/15 SW	11/15 SW	13/18 SW	15/21 SW	19/26 SW	25/34 SW	25/36 SW
300	6/8 W	4/7 NW	5/7 SE	7/10 S	7/11 SW	8/14 SW	9/16 SW	11/19 SW	12/22 SW
Glen	4/10 W	4/8 W	4/7 W	3/6 SW	3/8 SW	5/14 SW	7/17 SW	10/21 SW	10/22 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-9	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-11	-4/-11	-3/-11	-4/-11	-4/-12	-3/-12
900	0/-4	-1/-6	-2/-7	-2/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8
600	3/-1	1/-3	1/-4	1/-3	1/-4	2/-4	1/-4	2/-5	2/-4
300	5/3	3/1	3/0	3/-0	4/1	4/1	4/0	4/-0	4/0
Glen	6/5	4/2	4/2	4/2	5/4	6/4	5/3	5/2	6/2
Freezing Level*	900m	700m	600m	700m	700m	700m	700m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Hill fog increasing late in day particularly in the west.

Forecast for Sunday 29 Jan 2023

Weather: Overcast start with light rain, drizzle and hill fog, always focused in the west. Rain turning heavier for a time late morning and early afternoon, before clearing to blustery showers late afternoon and for evening, with snow level descending to 400m.

Maximum wind: West to southwest increasing to mean 40-50mph for a time around mid-day, with gusts reaching 70mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Virtually nil at first becoming 70% for any given time from late afternoon, but little prospect of extended clear periods given the showery nature of the flow.

Low Cloud and visibility: Moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow, also within cloud with bases extensive down to 450m for much of the day, sporadically so in later showers

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius increasing 10 Celsius for the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius for morning lowering minus 1 Celsius from early evening
Freezing level: Above summits lowering 500m from early evening

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